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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Original) A lighter extension assembly for holding a lighter ignitable by a linear movement, said lighter extension assembly comprising:
an elongated extension member;
a holster adapted for receiving the lighter, said holster being positioned at a distal end of said elongated extension member;
a main gripping member extending from a proximal end of said elongated extension member opposite said holster;
a lighter ignition mechanism extending along said elongated extension member between said distal end of said extension member and said main gripping member; ~~and~~
an actuation assembly operationally coupled to said lighter ignition mechanism such that manipulation of said lighter ignition mechanism moves said actuation assembly to provide the linear movement to ignite the lighter; and
a supplemental handle extending from a medial portion of said elongated extension member in spaced relationship to said main gripping member such that said supplemental handle is positioned between said main gripping member and said holster to facilitate handling and controlling movement of said elongated extension member during use.

2. (Original) The lighter extension assembly of claim 1, further comprising:

said lighter ignition mechanism including a trigger positioned adjacent to said main gripping member such that said trigger is adapted for being engaged by a finger of a hand grasping said main gripping member.

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3. (Original) The lighter extension assembly of claim 2 wherein said actuation assembly remains in contact with a gas release mechanism of the lighter while said trigger is held in a pulled position.

4. (Original) The lighter extension assembly of claim 2 wherein said elongated extension member is telescopic to facilitate adjustment of a distance of the lighter from said main gripping member.

5. (Original) The lighter extension assembly of claim 4 wherein said lighter ignition mechanism includes a cable member operationally coupled to said trigger.

6. (Cancelled)

New Claims:

7. (New) A lighter extension assembly for holding a lighter ignitable by a linear movement, said lighter extension assembly comprising:

an elongated extension member;

a holster adapted for receiving the lighter, said holster being positioned at a distal end of said elongated extension member;

a main gripping member extending from a proximal end of said elongated extension member opposite said holster;

a lighter ignition mechanism extending along said elongated extension member between said distal end of said extension member and said main gripping member;

an actuation assembly operationally coupled to said lighter ignition mechanism such that manipulation of said lighter ignition mechanism moves said actuation assembly to provide the linear movement to ignite the lighter; and

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a supplemental handle extending from a medial portion of said elongated extension member in spaced relationship to said main gripping member such that said supplemental handle is positioned between said main gripping member and said holster to facilitate handling and controlling movement of said elongated extension member during use;

said lighter ignition mechanism including a trigger positioned adjacent to said main gripping member such that said trigger is adapted for being engaged by a finger of a hand grasping said main gripping member;

said actuation assembly remaining in contact with a gas release mechanism of the lighter while said trigger is held in a pulled position;

said elongated extension member being telescopic to facilitate adjustment of a distance of the lighter from said main gripping member; and

said lighter ignition mechanism includeing a cable member operationally coupled to said trigger.